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1. An important joint session of the Presidium of the Communist Party will take place in the first half of Jan 1954, during which a reshuffle of the Soviet Government will be announced. NS Khrushchev will be designated First Deputy Prime Minister and will also take over the direction of the atomic research and production program. LM Kaganovich will be released from all present functions to take over the preparation of a new economic plan for the USSR.
2. At the same time a decision will be made between Khrushchev and Kaganovich as the replacement for V.M. Molotov in the Foreign Ministry, should this become necessary.
3. A reorganization of the secret services will be ordered, and this may include the reestablishment of the independent Ministry of State Security under A.M. Kosygin.
4. Another project to be discussed is the decentralization of the Ministry of Defense, with the possible designation of Deputy Ministers for Army, Navy and Air, and new appointments in territorial defense for AM Vasilevsky and G.K. Zhukov.
5. A.I. Mikoyan will be placed in charge of the economic development of the Asiatic parts of the Soviet Union, where a new capital is to be built, second only to Moscow. A permanent office of Deputy Minister of Defense at Vladivostok will be set up and Marshal Sokolovsky will be appointed to it.
6. There will be promotions for ministers I.A. Benediktov, V.A. Malyshev and I.I. Mosenko, who have proved to be efficient administrators.

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